Punishment 5 *Find your destiny!*

THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL CAME AND WENT.
DRAG
AND SO,
I'm sooo tired...
When the hell did everyone decide it would be fun to prank the cultural festival..?
I just don't get it!
Search me... Man, why were we the only ones who had to deal with all that crap, anyway...
FIRST THERE WAS THAT WEIRD SMELL COMING FROM THE HAUNTED HOUSE.
AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF, THERE WAS THAT HUGE EXPLOSION OF CHOCOLATE AT THE CREPE STAND!!!
THEN THE INCIDENT AT THE MANGA CAFE WHERE SOMEBODY WENT AND RIPPED UP ALL THE BOOKS.
CLENCH

蔵間 無月 MUTSUKI KURAMA

One who lives like a human, among humans, but isn't a human. Apparently a member of the nocturnal race of "Dark Stalkers," he sleeps during the day and adopts an entirely different, cocky attitude during the night... To that end, he's usually sleepy.
The tallest of the group. Is sensitive to cold.
Despite the numerous rumors floating around about him, there are many more mysteries to his character...

SEIRAN-KUN!... I'M GLAD HE'S GOTTEN BETTER.
A festival can be all sorts of fun when a lot of things are going on! At least, that's what I think.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
"yes, sir"
"These go over to the gym"
Although,
since we finished the gate by this morning, maybe we were the only ones free to help with the miscellaneous tasks...?
But everyone else had assignments appointed to them for today.
HAH...
THEN AGAIN, WHAT DID I EXPECT? AFTER ALL, HIS SO-CALLED "ILLNESS" WAS REALLY JUST A ROSE ALLERGY...
Aaah, whatever.
The only event left after this is that stupid, crazy party and THAT'S optional - so I'M goin' home!!
GLANCE
Let's see....
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE POST-FESTIVAL PARTY IS SUPPOSED TO BE A COSTUME PARTY... DARN. SOUNDS LIKE IT'D BE FUN TOO, BUT..
I'VE BEEN WAY TOO BUSY LATELY TO FIND TIME TO MAKE UP MY OWN COSTUME..
Guess I might as well go look for my choker...
Then let's go home together, Kaede!
Pssht, I don't wanna go home with another guy...
LEAN

—Hmph.
Ehehh.
Oh, I was just thinking about how lucky I am to have a guy who's pretty good at looking for things on my team....
I can't imagine you'd be up to the task of using my abilities if you're truly as exhausted as you say...
Nahuhu
Oh, that means I can call you if I want to, right?
GLARE
...Why are you looking at ME?
SLAM!
STOMP STOMP
VICE PRESIDENT!! WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY ON OUR HANDS!
Report!
...Hmm...

T/N: If you haven't figured it out already, the name of the school is "Shoubi Academy." See the notes at the end of the chapter for more info.

"Miss Shoubi", who was to be presented at tonight's Post-Festival celebration,
has gone completely missing!
Did you hear that...?
MURMUR
No way!
"Miss Shoubi?"
Ah... Yeah, I'm pretty sure there was some kind of election for that way back when...
Oh, I think I remember that...
THE WHOLE THING WAS SET UP SO THAT THE POSITION OF "MISTER SHOUBI" WOULD GO TO STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SO THERE WAS A REALLY INTENSE COMPETITION FOR THE TITLE OF "MISS SHOUBI"...
And get this, MISS Shoubi gets to stand up on stage with President Tenjou!
And in a gorgeous dress, and everything! Like a dream come true!
SIGH
Wish I could go back to those times...
So much for all of those happy memories with my friends...
LIFT
This is terrible...
Huh!?
YOU, THERE! YAMAMOTO ANISE!
JUMP

If the real Miss Shoubi is not located by tonight's festivities,
Then we will be presenting you on stage as her stand-in!

SAY WHAAAAT !?

Now hold it right there! Why should I have to-
We don't have enough time to poll the students for a true replacement.
You seem to be on intimate terms with President Tenjoh;
If anyone was to act as the stand in for Miss Shoubi, the other students would surely agree with the decision to use you over another other girl chosen at random.
Huh, Makes sense...
DON'T AGREE WITH HIM!!
Anise-sama!!

SPARKLE
はぁ〜はぁ〜
If you're completely against it, Anise-sama, then I'd be glad to stand in your stead...!!
EEEEH!?
But that would be asking for all SORTS of trouble!!
He'd look good in it, though! He'd be adorable in a dress!!
Then it's settled - Yamamoto it is!
EEEH
!!
準備室
It's in your hands, now!!
The fate of the post-festival party's climax rests on your shoulders!
Review the program carefully and memorize your roles!!
CRUMPLE
ARE YOU SERIOUS ...?
How'd the rest of us get suckered into this...
Let's see...
I'll be holding the train of Anise-sama's dress until she leaves the annex,
Mutsuki-san is in charge of raising and lowering the curtain,
And Kaede is...

...THE TREE IN THE BACK-GROUND.
Looks like you're supposed to shake it
OH, WHAT THE F-?!
WHAT KIND OF RETARDED SCHOOL PLAY IS THIS TURNING INTO?!
SNICKER
As for the dress...
DROOP
LIFT
HOLE
HOLE
HOLE
GEH...!
FWIP
Do they seriously expect me to put this thing on!?
GAAH!
That's, uh...
The fabric fluctuates between being generous in certain areas to severely lacking in others.....
BLUNT
KNOCK KNOCK
Miss substi-tute!!
PUNCH!
Please get dressed as quickly as possible! We need to tailor your gown before you appear on stage!
They're already here!?
Oh, fine...!

...Not like we've got a choice.
So I don't have to go show my face in front of practically everyone I know wearing an embarrassing dress like THAT!!
BA-BAM!
ばーん
I want you three to track down this "Miss Shoubi", whoever she is,
Right away!
YOU SAY YOU'RE MY "RHODE KNIGHTS?" THEN PROVE IT!!
...Hmph.
NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF SHOUBI ACADEMY, THE POST-FESTIVAL PARTY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
SHING
IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, FOR THE CLIMAX OF OUR CELEBRATION,
WE WILL BE DOCSENTING MISTER AND MISS SHOUBI ON THE GYMNASIUM STAGE!!
祥美学院文化祭

I just got off the phone with Miss Shoubi's parents - she hasn't gone home.
According to her friends, she was there with them one minute, and gone the next - no one's been able to reach her by phone, either.
Kaede... did you find anything?
I couldn't find anything that stood out. Tried looking around some places where nobody passes by too much and turned up jack squat...
Nah, nothing...
Shut
PANT
PANT
BEEP
EVERYONE ASSEMBLE FOR THE EXCITING GRAND FINALE!!
COME ON, GUYS..... HURRY UP....!!
Mmm...
Anyway, about what you were saying earlier.. Do you really think this whole thing's a setup?

Remember Anise-sama's dress? I took a closer look and saw that the seam at the waist was unraveled a bit...
So if I ended up holding on to her train and walking with it,
Anise-sama would be in for one embarrassing spectacle...
I mixed up a quick-fix glue and smeared it all over the seam so it wouldn't rip, just to be safe, but...
RIP
WOAH, THAT'S JUST...
Old-school pranks
So I got to thinking... What if someone was doing all of this on purpose...
You think Miss Shoubi's disappearance has something to do with it!?
Christ, what is going on with this festival? We've had nothing but trouble since this morning!
So our last chance is Black Rose's searching ability...
FNOO
Nothing.....
It would be too costly.... Not only in terms of time, but blood as well....
A photograph isn't enough information to work with even with your abilities, Mutsuki-san...?
You couldn't pick up her scent?

Um. I don't think it's a very good idea to pick a fight with him after dark.
.....
HAH!
You sure talk big, don'cha? Admit it, tough guy. You're just full of hot air when it comes down to it.
I thought you were supposed to be good at searching for stuff huh?
YOU LOWER LIFE-FORM.
And just who do you think you're talking to?
SWAY
A filthy mongrel such as yourself has no place among the Roses...
Your only skill lay in your bay, am I wrong?
Rather, perhaps I should call you... A DOG.
THIS GUY'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE DAY...
Wh... Lower!?
GEN
He's smiling!?

SHOVE
Say that one more time, you son of a-
PLEASE YOU TWO, DON'T FIGHT! FOR ME...!!
Sorry, I misspoke. What I meant to say was, "Please don't fight in front of me."
AHEM
...??
STOP
.....
Mutsuki-san can't use his abilities to the fullest because Anise-sama is exhausted, you know!
.....
Bull...!
And I'm sure you understand that Kaede's only irritable because he's very worried about her as well
But right now we should be focusing our efforts on going back to Anise-sama and keeping her safe!!
Stand-in?

祥美学院
I hear the real Miss Shoubi has gone missing, so she was selected to stand in as her replacement.
Yes sir, Mr. President.
Lady Anise is?
Hmm...
Now then, I suppose it's time to head over to the stage
Well, you'll hear no objections from me. Quite the opposite, really; it seems interesting.
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, SIR.

MOVE
What are you....?
President Tenjoh,
I'm afraid you won't be appearing on stage tonight.
ANISE-SAMA!!
SLAM!

DOOM
ガーン
NO.
Unfortunately...
Hey! H-How'd it go?
Did you find her?
STEP
NOoo...
For now, just go out there and do your thing.
Mister Shoubi - Tenjoh will be up there with you too,
So if anything comes up or you're not sure what to do, he could probably wing you through the situation.
But what about this stupid dress...
No worries, I have *that* taken care of.

It's the roses!
GASP!
AH... WAIT, I... SORRY..!
I'm fine.
COUGH, COUGH
It's nothi....!
Here! I brought some of the left-over roses we didn't use for the gate.
With a little bit of strategic placement, we can hide all the places that are bothering you!
I was really hoping I wouldn't have to go through with this "Replacement Miss Shoubi" thing, though...
STEP
It's unlike you to be so daunted.
POP
POP
Th... Thank you...
As they say, even a stable-boy can be a king in the right clothes...
Erk
That's not a compliment...
SHINE
AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!!

THE POST-FESTIVAL PARTY'S MAIN EVENT!
PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S MISS SHOUBI!!
WOOOOH
カメラコーール
OH, SCREW IT! IT'S NOT LIKE THINGS CAN GET ANY WORSE!!
ANISE-SAMA, DON'T WORRY, WE'RE ALL HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!
You can do it Anise-sama!
RATTLE RATTLE
Why is this even a rule
MURMUR
MURMUR
That's Miss Shoubi?
eh?
Anise!?
Huh? It's her? She won?

NOW PLEASE WELCOME MISTER SHOUBI!!
AND AS A SPECIAL TREAT...
TENJOH-SEMPAI, SAVE ME!!
I stick out like a sore thumb after all-!!!
MURMUR
Not really what you had in mind, huh.
What IS that?
I dunno, but isn't that dress fabulous?
Sure, but...
SAY WHAT!?
WOOHOO!
THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATORY "DESTINY ☆ KISS!!!"
kiss!?
HAMMIN IT UP
BLUUUSH
Hold on, that wasn't in the program...!
It's called "special" for a reason...
THEY WANT ME TO KISS TENJOH-SEMPAI...!?
CLACK

BA-BAM!
Furthermore,
This year, due to various circumstances,
wha...
AHEM.
Both Miss and and Mister Shoubi will be represented by third parties.
Who are YOU!?
Better yet, where's the president!?
HERE I AM, HONEY-CHWAAAN~ ♡
KISS!!
KISS!!
WAI...HEY, I NEVER AGREED TO ANY OF THIS...!
Kiss 'er!
Do it, do it!
Hahaha, what the heck? That sounds awesome!
SHOVE
UGH..!
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S THIS GUY, OR SEMPAI-!
I DON'T WANT TO KISS EITHER OF THEM!!
Wait... Get away from me....!
OH, BUT DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME IF I SLIP....
RELAX, BABY, IT'S ONLY FOR SHOW!
GYA-!
"SLIP"? OH, DON'T YOU GIVE ME THAT CRAP!!

SLAM
I... HAVEN'T EVEN HAD MY FIRST...
BFFT!
ZOOM
Oh...
FWOOSH
YEEK-
Wh... Why did a tree...
Sorry... My hand slipped!
KAEDE ...!!

WOOAAAH!
FWIP
Th...
Thanks for the help...
...You're friggin' hope-less...
YEEEAAAH!
Omigosh, this TOTALLY feels like "Destiny☆"!
This program is AWESOME!!
Dude, that guy just showed up outta nowhere!
Whatever, he'll work! Give it to 'er!
KISS!!
Eh...!?
Huh!?
KISS!
Hurry up~
KISS!
YEAAH!
BASH!
WAH...!
BFFT!
PUNT
What the hell are you idiots doing!? Knock it...
Hey, C-cut it out...!
And stop throwing stuff!!

LURCH
ME AND KAEDE...
KISS...

TA-DAA!
NINUFA SHOWS UP IN DA NICK A' TIME TO SAVE DA LADY IN A BIND!!
OH, NO WAY IN HELL!!
!
THE WHITE CARD!!
CHEV
SHINE
FLAD
Tsk...
ZOOM!

WHITE ROSES...
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, RED ROSE! HIDE IN HERE...?!
HM?
Ugh, yeah...
LIFT
SPIN, SPIN
SHIVER
ER ...?
FLIP
LIFT
Hello, there...

FLUTTER
Ladies and gentlemen... Thank you for waiting..
TENJOH-SEMPAI...
I...
かまぁ・・・
BLUSH...
WOOHOO!
That was SO COOL!!
Was that magic?
Bait and switch!

SHUDDER
KYAAH!
Come, Friends!
The party has only just begun! Everyone, please enjoy yourselves!
SHUDDER
KYAAH!
THUD
CRUSH
SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER
A... Anise-sama, you were great!
SHIVER
SHIVER
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOME-THING UNDER MY SKIRT...
Wait, isn't that--?
GLARE
BLARG!
KICK
YOU STUPID JERK!!

NINUFA DID A GOOD THING?
SHING!
Hey, don't look at me! That thing's the one that...
It TOLD ME get inside!
Would someone mind explaining to me what in the world is going on here!?
BANG!
Are you STILL talking!?
And it's not like I saw anything, since you were just wearing jersey sho-
GAHI
It's the real "Miss Shoubi"!
PANT...
I was supposed to be going in for my fitting, but someone showed me to the wrong room and on top of that, they locked me in...
DASH
And what do I find when I finally manage to get out of there? The stage show's already over...!
Vice President!!
HUH..? WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT..?

SHOVE
We've lost track of the President! He suddenly disappeared right in front of our....
Really, now...
GASP
Presi-dent!?
Would you care to explain to me the meaning of all this, Mr. Vice President....?
...kuh...
...Yes, that's right,
The various mishaps throughout the entire festival, all of the pranks...
MOVE
Were, without omission, thought of by myself,
and placed into action by my like-minded peers here...
HUH!?
Why would you...?
...A coup d'etat?
You're not trying to usurp President Tenjoh's position, are you...?
It's all because I.....!
GRIP

SPLASH!!
BECAUSE I LOVE PRESIDENT TENJOH!
HUH?
Really... Hmm... You don't say...
Mr. President, I was only trying to open your eyes....
...SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS, HUH...
President Tenjoh is livid!
YEAAH BOS
He is the one, true Messiah of our souls!!
President Tenjoh's sublime nobility! A level of charisma which only appears once every 1,000 years!!
And for some girl...
Well EXCUUUSE me for being a "Girl like THAT"
JAB
A girl like THAT, no less, to weasel her way into his heart--!!

WARM FUZZIES
Mr. President...
To think you all felt so strongly for me...
I understand now....
YEAH, LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK...
HA HA HA
YOU'RE ALL RATHER DISTURBING, AREN'T YOU...
...UGH, SERIOUSLY...
INSTEAD OF WASTING ALL MY TIME WITH THIS, I COULD HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR THAT THING I LOST.
...I see.
You don't say.
So she indeed lost it, just as I feared.

FOR MY CHOKER

M嬢とS(しょうと)第1回

Hi there, and how do you do! I'm the shameful piece of meat, Shouto Aya. We've finally made it to the volume release.~

What are you looking at?

This is my Editor, Lady M...She's called "M", but that's not the vibe she gives off, is it? Hmm... What, then....

Her proofing is really, really harsh! She's an S, definitely an S!

Back when I first started BaraKiss... Whenever I was waiting on the verdict from the Storyboard and Rough draft...

The phone would always, WITHOUT FAIL, ring while I was in the bathroom.

It's been that way with all three of my publications! I'll bet it'll still happen even when I move up to ten~

And the result.

I could go on about President Tenjoh forever!

Oh?

Okay, I'll draw Kaede recessedly cool. That way she'll let me slide on a few things...

Muhaha

Evil.

She told me her impressions.

I like Kaede.

Really...

At the end of the first meeting....

ALRIGHT, PRESIDENT TENJOH, I'M COMING FOR YAA~!

SCRIBBLE

...

Better than I thought he'd be.

laugh

quick ly

Mutsuki was pretty good.

みんなまとめて!!
TAKE THAAAT!! EVERYONE ALL TOGETHER!!
ぎゅ~
俺達の上見ろよ、M様...♥
LOOK AT US, LADY M...
Ah!
You guys, Lady M isn't really an "M" at all, is she?
The panel up there was creepy too
I like the guys, so draw more Anise...
Actually, I thought she was more of a KY (Aete Kuuki Yomanai) type... the ultimate editor, or something...
TN (Aete Kuuki Yomanai - Completely oblivious to what people think upon meeting them. 'Kuuki Yomanai' (KY) would mean she's oblivious to what people think period.)
I'll try my best in volume 2, too!
No way!!
I'm more of a KY type, myself
I've never seen a person ADMIT to that one!
END.

Thank you all for reading this far! I love you
Please give Anise and her four knights your support next time, too
Let me know what you thought! See you again soon in volume 2
Sorry about my bad handwriting...
Special Thanx
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YAY, NEW CHAPTER! WITH THIS, WE WRAP UP VOLUME 1. WE'LL GO BACK AND DO CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO WHEN WE GET A BIT MORE MANPOWER! (WINK, WINK, NUDGE, NUDGE, YA KNOW WHAT I MEAN?)

I LOVE ANISE. SHE'S GREAT. AHAHA. AND KAEDE. KAEDE'S PRETTY GREAT, TOO

-REB (THE TRANSLATOR WITH NOTHING TO SAY)

ALSO, HOMOLUST

-MELFEA (THE SC-CUM-EDITOR WITH - HOMOLUST)

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